



Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE SPECIFIED AND COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FOURTH
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND
AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF GRANTS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate amounts not to exceed \$2,605,567 in unspent Specified Excess Funds and \$11,361,433 in County Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, for a total not to exceed amount of \$13,967,000 to the Department of Parks and Recreation for grants to various recipients for development and improvement projects. Approval will also allow advance payment of grant funds in the amount of \$1,015,000 to the County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks and Recreation under specified conditions for the La Mirada, Los Verdes, Los Amigos, Diamond Bar, and Lakewood Golf Course General Improvement Projects.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed projects categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the projects.
2. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$2,605,567 in unspent Specified Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District to the Department of Parks and Recreation to fund various projects.
3. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$11,361,433 in County Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District to the Department of Parks and Recreation to fund various projects.
4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of

the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award grants to the Department of Parks and Recreation, in the total not to exceed amount of \$13,967,000 for the identified projects, when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grants as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

5. Authorize that the \$1,015,000 of Specified Funds recommended for allocation to the La Mirada, Los Verdes, Los Amigos, Diamond Bar, and Lakewood Golf Course General Improvement Projects, may be advanced to the County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks and Recreation on the condition that those funds and any interest thereon be used for the projects listed above, and that any documentation normally required for reimbursement will be required prior to any expenditure of the advanced funds being approved by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate a total not to exceed amount of \$13,967,000, including \$2,605,567 in unspent Specified Excess Funds and \$11,361,433 in County Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) to the County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) for various projects as follows:

Specified Excess Funds - \$2,605,567

- \$195,000 for the La Mirada Golf Course General Improvements Project;
- \$125,000 for the Los Verdes Golf Course General Improvements Project;
- \$270,000 for the Los Amigos Golf Course General Improvements Project;
- \$375,000 for the Diamond Bar Golf Course General Improvements Project;
- \$50,000 for the Lakewood Golf Course General Improvements Project; and
- \$1,590,567 for the Cerritos Regional Park General Improvements Project.

County Excess Funds - \$11,361,433

- \$2,600,000 for the Schabarum Park General Improvements Project;
- \$650,000 for the Friendship Park General Improvements Project;
- \$1,900,000 for the Water Feature Development Project at Adventure Park;
- \$1,900,000 for the Splash Pad Development and Ball Field Refurbishment Projects at Carolyn Rosas Park;
- \$150,000 for the Outdoor Exercise Cluster Development Project at La Mirada, Sorensen, and Amigo Park;
- \$252,000 for the Parking Facilities Improvements Project at various parks;
- \$2,000,000 for the Splash Pad Development Project at Los Robles Park; and
- \$1,909,433 for the Cerritos Regional Park General Improvements Project.

It is recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award grants to the identified grantees when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the projects, if applicable. It is also recommended that the Director be

authorized to administer the grants pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by the Board.

It is further recommended that RPOSD be allowed to disburse grant funds on an advance basis and thereby enable the Department to commence pre-construction, construction, and completion activities on the La Mirada, Los Verdes, Los Amigos, Diamond Bar, and Lakewood Golf Course General Improvement Projects.

The Department will maintain the advance funds in an account separate from any other funds, and will provide RPOSD with quarterly status reports including a detailed description of all activities on the account. The advance funds and any interest thereon will be used for the projects listed above. All documentation normally required for reimbursement will be required before RPOSD will approve any expenditure of the advance funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by enhancing health-promoting activities through various improvement and development projects in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grants, in the amount of \$13,967,000, is budgeted in the Fourth Supervisorial District's portion of RPOSD's Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6. The \$1,015,000 to be advanced to the Department is budgeted in the appropriate RPOSD Project Fund as well.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The Department met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended Excess Funds grants would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District for Specified and County Projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director would be authorized to award grants to the various grantees when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide for governing the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will also govern the administration of the recommended additional grants.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act

(CEQA) as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the projects. The County of Los Angeles is the lead agency for the proposed projects.

The proposed La Mirada Golf Course General Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of construction of a practice/pitching area with sand bunker and installation of scoreboard and Junior/Family Tees, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3(b) and 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of small new facilities or structures and minor alterations in the condition of land.

The proposed Los Verdes Golf Course General Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of construction of a practice/pitching area with sand bunker, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3(b) and 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of small new facilities or structures and minor alterations in the condition of land.

The proposed Los Amigos Golf Course General Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of installation of shade cover for driving range stalls, installation of stadium seating, barbecue and fire pit at Scoreboard Areas, and installation of Junior/Family Tees, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 3(b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of small new facilities or structures.

The proposed Diamond Bar Golf Course General Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of replacement of existing practice putting green, installation of practice/pitching green with sand bunker and installation of target greens, scoreboard and Junior/Family Tees, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15302(c), 15303(e) and 15304(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 2(e), 3(b) and 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves replacement of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity, construction of small new facilities or structures and minor alterations in the condition of land.

The proposed Lakewood Golf Course General Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of addition of a permanent barbecue facility to the patio area, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 3(b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of small new facilities or structures.

The proposed Cerritos Regional Park General Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of refurbishment and upgrades of air condition system, renovation of outdoor plaza, expansion of lobby area and park offices, renovation of restrooms with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access and installation of new signage is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it

meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(d)(e)(f) and 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1(c)(g)(j) and 3(b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves maintenance, addition to existing structures which will not result in an increase of more than 10,000 square feet, addition of safety or health protection devices and construction of small new facilities or structures.

The proposed Schabarum Park General Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of rehabilitation of existing restrooms, replacement of two playgrounds with ADA access, and construction of 15 additional parking stalls with ADA access to the Big Valley Picnic Area, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(d)(f), 15302(c), 15303(e), 15304(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1(c)(j), 2(e), 3(b), 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves maintenance of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use, replacement of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity, construction of small new facilities or structures and minor alteration in the condition of land.

The proposed Friendship Park General Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of renovation of existing restroom with ADA access, rehabilitation of two lawn areas, and planting of additional native plants to the Palos Verdes Blue Butterfly Habitat Restoration areas, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(d)(f), 15304(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1(c)(j), 4(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves maintenance and addition of health and safety protection devices at existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and new landscaping.

The proposed Water Feature Development Project at Adventure Park is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of installation of a splash pad, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 3(b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of small new facilities or structures.

The proposed Splash Pad Development and Ball Field Refurbishment Projects at Carolyn Rosas Park are categorically exempt from CEQA. The projects, which consist of refurbishment of existing ball field and installation of a splash pad, are within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(d), 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1(c), 3(b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the projects involve maintenance of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and construction of small new facilities or structures.

The proposed Outdoor Exercise Cluster Development Project at La Mirada and Amigo Parks is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of installation of outdoor exercise equipment, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 3(b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves construction of small new facilities or structures.

The proposed Parking Facilities Improvements and Outdoor Exercise Cluster Development Projects at Sorensen Park are categorically exempt from CEQA. The projects, which consist of refurbishment of parking facilities and installation of outdoor exercise equipment, are within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(d), 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1(c), 3(b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the projects involve maintenance of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and construction of small new facilities or structures.

The proposed Parking Facilities Improvements and Splash Pad Projects at Los Robles Park are categorically exempt from CEQA. The projects, which consist of refurbishment of parking facilities and installation of a splash pad, are within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(d), 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1(c), 3(b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the projects involve maintenance of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and construction of small new facilities or structures.

The proposed Parking Facilities Improvements Project at Burton, Steinmetz, Rowland Heights and Trailview Parks is categorically exempt from CEQA. The projects, which consists of refurbishment and general improvements to parking facilities are within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in Section 15301(d) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves maintenance of an existing facility with no expansion of an existing use.

The proposed projects above will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees. Additionally, the proposed projects are not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed projects' records.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended projects will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Facilities and Asset Management Division, and one copy to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Directors

4/28/2015

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney".

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